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Appln. No. : 09/909,001

Confirmation No.: 8747

Applicant(s) : Claudia CHISEA et al.

Filed : July 18, 2001

TC/A.U. : 1637

Examiner : Kenneth R. HORLICK

For : **METHODS FOR ISOLATING
ONE STRAND OF A DOUBLE-
STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID**

Customer No. : 22896

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Amendment dated December 19, 2003
Reply to Office Action of June 19, 2003

submitted with this response are required, please take such fees from Applied Biosystems
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Respectfully submitted,

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